

# VOICE OF THE RESIDENTS

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## WE CELEBRATE OUR NATURE TRAILS

*By William Eddison*

After a wet and forbidding Monday, Tuesday, April 23rd came on cool and clear with a few puffy clouds and a brilliant deep blue sky. The fresh west wind that had been predicted spent itself instead in gentle breezes, not enough even to be troublesome to the monitors at the tables who were asking the participants to register, nor to the other volunteers who were handing out trail maps, monogrammed pencils and little bags of "trail mix" to fortify walkers and climbers on the trails. The number of participants who signed the roster set a record at 143 persons. Last year we had Ann Heaton, President of the Broadmead Board of Trustees, and a number of visitors from Roland Park Place. This year the greater number was made up largely of residents and staff, with more people venturing over the Ridge Trail including many on the office staff and servers in the Dining Room. Of course the trails and the



*Sarah Cooper and her brother, Jastro Levin who lives at Roland Park Place, both enjoy the wonders of springtime on Broadmead's nature trails.*

event itself is for the whole community, for everyone who likes the out-of-doors.

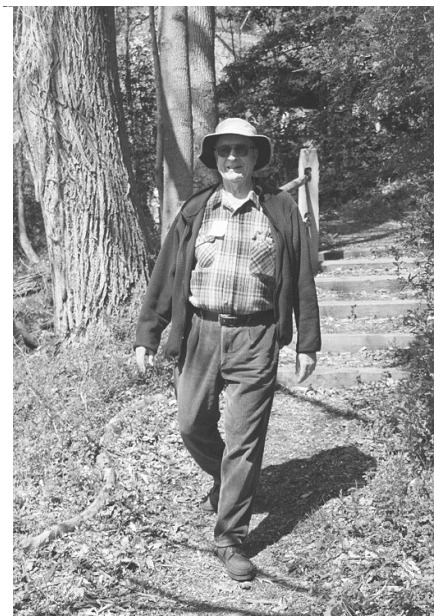
We wish to acknowledge the active participation of certain residents for their services: Dick Hutzler from the Camera Club, and Chris Slaughter at the garnet rock who was there to explain the land forms and the geology of the area to anyone who wanted to hear. Dr. Ted Wilson



*All ready to meet the crowds of enthusiastic Trail Day participants. Left to right: Jane Baird, Eleanor Kaufman, Millie Boynton, Harriet Ambrose, Linda Chick and Jane Doss.*

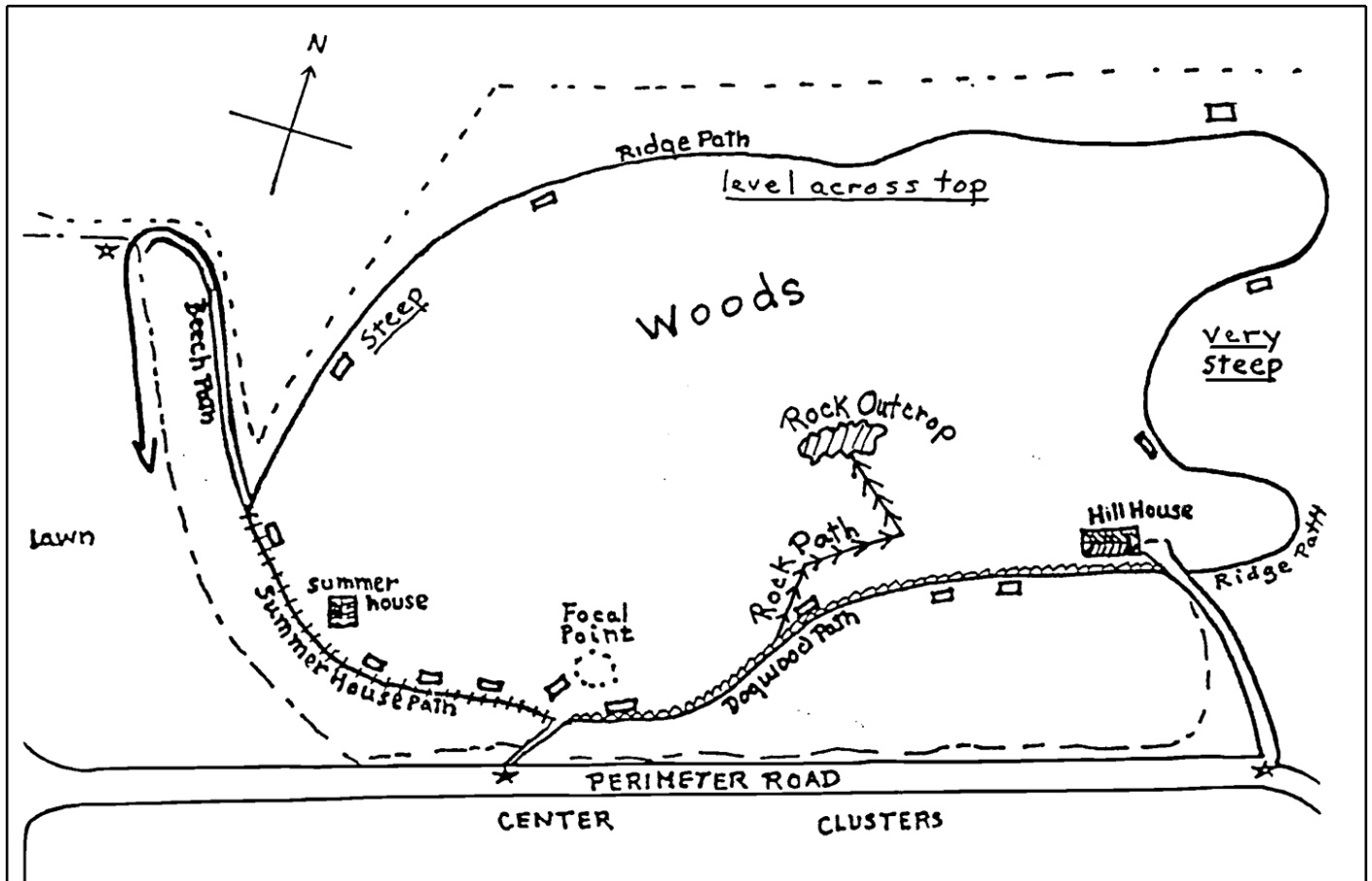
took over the role of Patty Ferguson from the Out-patient Department (OPD) by being available in the event of falls or sprains of persons climbing up or down or walking on the Ridge Trail.

We also wish to acknowledge the fine job of Food Service in providing hot coffee, hot water for tea, and ice water at the registration table and at the summer house; of Maintenance for providing and setting up chairs and serving tables, and of Housekeeping in providing trash cans and hauling them away at the end of the day. We could not do this without their active participation.



*John Michener returns to the Focal Point after visiting the Summer House.*

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As all of you know, the Mudders (this is what the first Residents of Broadmead were called because in those early days there was more mud around than anything else) moved into Broadmead in 1979. In February, 1983, a Resident donated money to develop a path through the woods in honor of Dr. Val Ellicott. A group of Residents outlined the course of the trails, and an amazing fine job they did. Later that same year, Ambassador Charles Baldwin contributed funds for the Summer House. The original paths (Dogwood, Beech and Ridge) have recently been joined by the Rock Path, a route to an unusual rock formation.

#### Nature Trails Continued from Page 1

Finally I wish especially to commend and thank Harriet Ambrose, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, and her staff. Without them we would not have had publicity, the rosters, the sign-up sheets for the resident volunteers, nor the smooth running of the whole event. We will do Trail Day again next year incorporating lessons learned and any new ideas we may have to make this event even finer and more enjoyable.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jean R. Moser**

**March 25, 1913 April 25, 2002**

**Susan J. Adams**

**July 20, 1909 May 3, 2002**

**Albert H. Michaels**

**October 5, 1905 May 10, 2002**

**Lillian Compton**

**October 9, 1914 May 15, 2002**

**Mary P. Dowell**

**April 9, 1910 May 22, 2002**

#### Moving Around Broadmead

Everitt & Barbara Smith From J-14 to H-10

#### Newly Arrived Resident

Eleanor Childs F-2 410-785-1125

# Glisten and Gleam

By Sarah Cooper

Today's sunshine illuminates a drop of water that yesterday's shower has left on a blade of grass. The drop glistens, I say to myself, and then realize I know the meaning of that word more precisely than ever before. In his careful dictionary way, Webster defines it for me as to "shine by reflection with sparkling radiance." That's it, I think; that's glisten exactly. The drop reflects the sun, the sun makes it sparkle, and the sparkle gives it radiance. So it glistens; only, with this example before me, I don't need a lexicon. Have I really known the meaning of the word? Of course, I thought I did, but this combination of moisture, spring air, and brilliance captured on a blade of grass make an ideal interpretation, one I shall remember whenever I use the word glisten.

The second term I come to understand more fully during my walk is gleam. The same sun that glistened on a drop of water gleams on blades of grass without moisture. They shine too, but not so splendidly, "with subdued, steady light," according to Noah. If I were painting, I tell myself, I'd have to use pure white to represent the effect the sun has on these normally green spears. In the shade, I notice the green is brighter, the spears more vigorously upright on this lovely spring day than the tired, bent greenery of summer heat.



*A few of Sarah's treasures.*

Altogether, the season begs to be admired in every detail. At my desk, I pick up my opera glasses to check on the scene. Not only is the grass a vibrant green, but burgeoning leaves exemplify that color in all its many shades. Outside, I note the little brown catkins that have fallen, some curling among the blades, others forming tangled mats on the grass and in the road.

A little white butterfly dances ahead of me while I walk as if to show me where to look. The paulownia tree shakes its purple blossoms on grass and road for me and the butterfly to see. Dogwood punctuates the lower wooded area at the beginning of the Nature Trail that now looks its early best. And an uplifting breeze ripples through grass and leaves and flowers indiscriminately.

## The Health Care Committee

presents a lecture by

**Dr. Richard Little, Orthopedist**  
Speaking on "Choices in Arthritis"

In the Auditorium on  
**Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30 am**

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## LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on

**Tuesday, June 18 at 11:00 am**  
in the Auditorium.

Call Bonna Nelson  
for Information.

410-527-1900, Extension 3991



**Painting Early Spring  
on the Perimeter Road, Brrr!**

*Courtesy of Carolyn Underwood  
and Bob Davies and his camera.*



## BROADMEAD WELCOMES

*By Betsy Griffin*

### Leo & Gretel (Doernberg)

#### Weiss

**C-7 410-527-1477 April 2002**

Leo and Gretel come to Broadmead from their home in New Jersey. Leo is a New Jersey native and Gretel, born in Germany, came to America in 1940. They were married here just three weeks before he was sent to England by the U.S. Army Air Force to a post as a dental surgeon. He remained there for three years with no communication except by mail with his new bride. Leo earned the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Michigan and returned to New Jersey for a 50-year career as a dentist in Union, New Jersey. He retired in 1987 and has since volunteered with nature groups such as the Audubon Society, wildlife organizations, and the Raptor Trust, a rehab service for older injured birds.

Gretel holds a Bachelor's degree from Douglas College, and Master's and PhD degrees in sociology from Rutgers University. She has taught at Drew University and Monmouth College with special interest in gerontology. Since her retirement she has studied at many seminars with special interest in women's and aging issues and has been active with OWL (Older Women's League), an advocacy group for older women. Leo and Gretel's interests include music, literature, photography, gardening, birds and nature in general.

**Gladys (Reid) De Graffenreidt (Mrs. James)**

**K-13 410-229-0009 April 2002**

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

*By Sally Bloomer*

**Monday, June 3 at 11:00 am  
In the Auditorium**

**"Ahab's Wife"  
by Sena Jetes Nasland**

The discussion will be led by  
**The Reverend Dr. George Gray Toole**  
Retired Pastor of the Towson Presbyterian Church

Gladys was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania but was raised in Brooklyn, New York. She returned to school after her children were grown to earn a Bachelor's degree in labor management at New York University. She and her late husband married in 1949 and raised three children. Her son is a lawyer, holds an MBA degree and is employed in Washington, D.C. One daughter teaches in Lanham, Maryland, and another is a lawyer in New Haven Connecticut. Gladys has six grandchildren who she claims are the "lights of her life." While a great part of her life was spent as a homemaker, she has worked for the U.S. government, the Social Security Administration, and Gimbel's store. She comes to Broadmead from her home in Hyattsville.

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## A NEW HOME for the VOICE of the RESIDENTS

*By Bob Davies, Editor*

The VOICE of the RESIDENTS is about to get a home of its own. For the past three years, I have prepared the "camera ready" pages for printing the VOICE on my own personal computer in my own personal apartment. This is about to change. The Camera Club has made space available for the VOICE in their workroom in the Lower Level of the Broadmead Center. If you are not familiar with the Club's location, it can be entered through an alcove in the Seminar Room.

We acquired a small desk for the new office during this past Barn Sale. A computer and the necessary auxiliary equipment have been purchased and delivered, having the capability of producing the copy, photographs and "camera ready" pages for future issues of the VOICE of the RESIDENTS.

During this coming summer, I plan to copy the files from my personal computer that are related to the VOICE of the RESIDENTS, and transfer them into the new computer system. Then, starting with the September 2002 issue, I hope we will be ready to produce that issue in the new office. For the sake of long term continuity, removing the total dependence for publishing the VOICE from a Resi-

dent's personal computer is a positive improvement.

Providing a back-up for the Editor's personal computer was easy, it cost only money; the cost was shared by the Resident Association and the Board of Trustees. The next step, providing back-up for the Editor, the person, will be more difficult. We now need to locate a live-wire Resident with the time, talent and desire to work as an Assistant Editor. Here is an opportunity the person with the right stuff can't afford to turn down. Where else could a person get individual one-on-one instruction on the ins-and-outs of desk top publishing?

In time, for sharing their space, Camera Club members may acquire, with some tutoring, the expertise that would enable them to print photographs on the computer when it is not being used by the VOICE.



*A small desk and chair was obtained for the VOICE's new office during this past Barn Sale. Thanks to Charlie Ellicott and Chris Slaughter in the Woodworking Shop, it was modified to make it suitable for the VOICE. In this photo, the new computer, monitor, printer and other equipment is resting on an adjacent shelf waiting for work to be completed on the new desk.*

## The Numerical History of the Barn Sale

*By Vivian Cord,  
Jeannette Royston and Marjorie Scott*

The following data tells the story of one of the most amazing things about Broadmead, the Barn Sale. Part of this numerical history is about inflation of the dollar, but the real message is one of success resulting from the leadership and manual labor of many Residents.

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| 1980-81   | \$ 4,400   |
| 1981-82   | 5,200      |
| 1982-83   | 7,500      |
| 1983-84   | 8,540      |
| 1984-85   | 14,260     |
| 1985-86   | 14,319     |
| 1986-87   | 21,622     |
| 1987-88   | 24,950     |
| 1988-89   | 25,746     |
| 1989-90   | 23,926     |
| 1990-91   | 22,000     |
| 1991-92   | 32,537     |
| 1992-93   | 24,994     |
| 1993-94   | 32,998     |
| 1994-95   | 28,414     |
| 1995-96   | 29,405     |
| 1996-97   | 30,274     |
| 1997-98   | 28,564     |
| 1998-99   | 33,773     |
| 1999-2000 | 33,258     |
| 2000-01   | 34,460     |
| 2001-02   | 35,177     |
| Total     | \$ 516,317 |

From these totals, deductions of 5% were paid in Sales Tax and approximately 1 to 1 ½ % for expenses. Barclay Taylor and Lois Sexton assisted in compiling this data.

The hard work and dedication of more than one hundred Residents make these results possible. The key to our success is the quantity and quality of your donations. Keep them coming!

**Work goes on all year long. Be a part of the Barn Sale! Volunteer to help!**

# Celebrating Family and Friends Across the Ages



By Brenda Becker

The winners of Broadmead's 2nd Annual Intergenerational Contest, *Across the Ages*, entertained us on Sunday, April 14 when they came to read and display their prize-winning essays and artwork. One hundred eighty-three students had submitted either an essay or artwork that reflected the impact an older person had had on their lives. The winners were selected by a group of Residents who considered it a pleasure and privilege to read the entries the young people had submitted. The admiration, respect and love these youngsters felt for the special "older" person in their lives was shown clearly through their entries. One of my favorite essays was submitted by Samantha Cook, Grade 6-8, as follows:

*"My friend, my shelter, my hero. On January 8, 1946 a great man was born. A man with great strength and love. A man that I looked up to in everything. A man that changed my life forever.*

*"I love you." The last three words I heard out of my father's mouth before I left the hospital that night. The air as I walked out of the hospital parking lot, was cold. So cold, it went deep into my bones and chilled every last part of my body. I had a smile on my face. A smile that brought hope and happiness to me because I felt as if I was unbreakable then. It was late, and I had just said my last goodbye to him that he would ever hear.*

*"It didn't occur to me that I would never be able to have another conversation with him or another heartfelt talk about my childhood. About the*

*Cheerio's we ate together or the peanut butter sandwiches with no "lids." We would never be able to reminisce about the jokes that made us laugh and made us smile. We would never be able to go miniature golfing again or take another fishing trip. But I, as his daughter, would be forever grateful to have shared a wonderful 12 years with him.*

*"He was one of the greatest men who ever lived. And even though he wasn't always there to read me my bedtime story or help me with my homework, he was always here in my heart. I am sorry now for the times I never called and for the things that never got said. But as God's angel, I'm sure he knows everything I wish to put into words. He wasn't the richest man alive, or the poorest. He was a businessman, but you'll never see his name in the business section of the newspaper. He was a great success not only as a father, but also as a son, a brother, a grandfather and an uncle.*

*"On the day of his funeral, I knew not what I was going to have to face. As I walked down the barreling hall of the funeral home into the room where his casket lay, my emotions poured out and I cried a sea of endless tears. I was mad at heaven for taking away my buddy, my best friend, my daddy. On the way to the cemetery, I fell asleep. But in my dreams, my dad told me he was always going to be with me forever. That he was going to be able to fly and be the angel that he only wished to be.*

*"As the American flag was placed into my grandmother's hands, I was proud of my father for inspiring so many people. For being the person that he was, for being my father.*

*"I am happy that now, he can always be with me. No matter where I am. He proves Heaven is just a prayer away."*



# VOLUNTEERS: A Gift to the Community

By Bonna Nelson



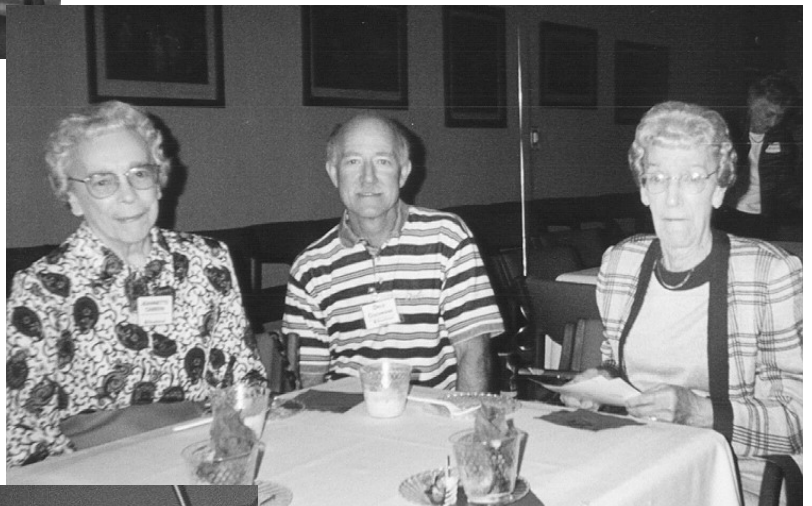
Walter Lane and Evie Dempsey

*of good will and good works who play significant roles in making positive change in the lives of others.*

*"This week provides an opportunity to thank those who give so much throughout the year to help those less fortunate. It should also serve as a challenge to each of us to devote more energy to seeking a common good beyond our comfort. What indi-*

Residents and Staff celebrated National Volunteers Week and Volunteerism at a lovely party in the Main Lounge and Auditorium on Friday, April 26, 2002. As each person arrived, Broadmead's Volunteer Coordinators, Karen James, Lorraine Bazzell and yours truly passed out bright blue ball point pens labeled with golden letters that said **"Volunteers: a Gift to the Community."** This is a phrase that well reflects Broadmead's philosophy in volunteering. In his proclamation for National Volunteers Week 2002, President George W. Bush observed the following:

*"America is blessed with millions of individuals*



Jeannette Cabeen, Dale Cochran (Non-Resident Volunteer) and Priscilla Howard.

*vidual Americans do is more important than anything Government does. We must all heed Albert Schweitzer's counsel: "The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."*

**And thanks to all of you  
who give so much.**



Left to Right: Bonna Nelson (Volunteer Coordinator), Ruth and Phil Schnering, Miriam Howe and Jane Baird.

I had the privilege of planning the joyful annual event and because I have the opportunity to show my appreciation for our volunteers, I consider it the highlight of my work year. We enjoyed scrumptious chocolate dipped strawberries, hot

crab dip, and smoked salmon sandwiches, prepared by Food Service, the music of a wonderful violinist, Ray Donkowski of Musical Encounters, and a few words about volunteering from Rich Compton and Pat Graham.

# LOOK OUT, HERE COMES “TOU”

*By Nancy Starnes*

This Spring, “TOU” entered the lives of Maryland residents. TOU stands for “**Time Of Use**” and is the metering of the time of use of electricity during different periods of the day so that a charge can be made for it depending on the demand for electricity during those hours. The purpose is to discourage the use of electricity during times of high demand by increasing the cost per kilowatt and shifting the use to times of low demand when the cost is lower.

As electricity can’t be stored, the generating plants have to be able to furnish the greatest amount needed, even though for much of the day they have excess capacity. Building that excess capacity requires more generating plants (or larger plants) which is why the cost must be higher to supply the greater demand.

Broadmead has been paying a “demand” charge for many years. Now ordinary residents around the state will better understand the need to shift demand to the times of lesser demand, which may help with the overall problem.

Broadmead’s “demand” charge for January was \$8,217, while the total supply charge was \$11,939. Thus, 69% of the supply charge was due to TOU with only 31% being due to the cost per kilowatt. (The December demand charge was \$6,500 of a total \$10,617, or 61%) To help Residents understand just when the highest, medium and lowest costs are in effect, a BGE sign has been posted on the door of the laundry room of each cluster. If you would like one of the signs to post in your apartment just ask your Cluster Conservation Monitor.

# April is the Cruelest Month

*By Lucille Brandt*

April brings me so much grief  
From Income Tax, I need relief  
If only filing could be brief,  
I’d gladly sing “Hail to the Chief.”

They tax on how you got ahead,  
They tax on how you earn your bread.  
They tax your silver, gold, and lead,  
And what you hide beneath your bed.

But now, I’m on a different track.  
My life no longer looks so black.  
My lips can even smile a crack,  
For I just got a refund back.

# Maryland Highways in the Spring!

*By Marie Ewing*

How wonderful to see so many lovely flowers along our highways, expressways and rural roads at this time of the year. Golden Daffodils abundantly planted for all to enjoy. Yellow Forsythia - big wonderful bushes everywhere. Pansies and even field flowers looking up as we speed by.

This is indeed a sign of Spring, a splendid gift to be enjoyed. Perhaps it makes us slow down some - that would be just great - slow down and enjoy the beauty of Spring!

## VESPERS

*By Elsa Lundgren*

**On Sunday at 4:30 pm in the Lounge**

**June 16**

**The Reverend James Pullham**  
Stevenson A.M.E. Church

## LET’S DANCE

*By Walter Lane*

**With the  
George Hipp Trio**

Everyone welcome to dance  
or just to enjoy the music.

**Monday, June 10 at 7:00 pm**  
in the Lounge.





## A SMILE

A smile is quite a funny thing,  
It wrinkles up your face,  
And when it's gone, you never find  
Its secret hiding place.

But far more wonderful it is  
To see what smiles can do.  
You smile at one, he smiles at you,  
And so one smile makes two.

He smiles at someone since you smiled  
And that someone smiles back,  
And that someone smiles until in truth  
You fail in keeping track.

Now since a smile can do great good  
In cheering hearts of care,  
Let's smile and smile and not forget  
That smiles go everywhere!

*As a teenage young lady,  
this was Catherine Motz's favorite poem.*

## A WORD

*A word of appreciation to go with our contributions to the Employees Assistance Fund. Broadmead's employees are polite, helpful and cheerful and I have found them ready to offer any assistance in a willing way. This adds to the spirit of kindness at Broadmead.*

*Jane Zouck*

## CONCERTS

In the Lounge  
*By Phil Schnering*

**Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 pm**  
**PEABODY RAGTIME ENSEMBLE**

Our most popular program. Wonderful "foot-tapping" music. 7 piece brass group.

**Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 pm**  
**LET'S SING**  
Last one until fall.

## Michael Beer

**Our Saturday Evening Speaker  
for June 22 is a distinguished  
local conservationist.**

Michael Beer studied at Toronto and Manchester, England, earning his Ph.D. in 1953, the year the structure of DNA was published by Crick and Watson. He joined The Johns Hopkins University in 1958 to teach and do research in molecular genetics. At different times during a long career he served as Chair of the Biophysics Department and Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences at The Johns Hopkins University and was President of the American Biophysical Society and the Electron Microscopy Society of America. His former students are professors at Princeton, Hopkins, Duke, Dartmouth and other institutions. He retired from the University in 1995.

During the last decade he has devoted increasing attention to environmental issues. He began the restoration of an urban woodland in Stoney Run Park, with community volunteers, raising the necessary funds from private citizens, businesses and government sources. This effort has now been extended over most of that stream. In the segment North of Wyndhurst he helped organize an environmental consortium of six area schools, where the students use Stoney Run as a laboratory for the environment and help in its restoration. Early in 1997 he began to focus on the restoration of the Jones Falls, culminating in the two day "Jones Falls Celebration" first in September 1998 and repeated each year since then. These efforts have been recognized with several awards including the Governor's Volunteer and Service Award in 1998 and the Ellen Fraites Wagner Award of the Chesapeake Bay Trust in January 1999. The City Paper chose him as one of its ten Unsung Heroes for 1999 and Baltimore Magazine selected him as one of its ten Baltimoreans of the year 1999.

Professor Beer frequently speaks about the environment at schools and other gatherings. He is a keen skier, mountaineer and photographer.

# A VIEW OF PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

*By Lloyd Tyler*

The May 2, 2002 Open Forum was more controversial than most. The speakers provided background and up-to-date information on the escalating violence now prevalent in the Middle East. The program was presented by Jerri Bird, the founder and executive director of **Partners for Peace (PfP)**, and two associates. PfP is an organization working to promote human rights, dialogue between the adversaries, protection of Arab-American rights, and to bring the voices of women from the area to Americans. They hoped to expand understanding of the human dimension of the conflict, but in doing so, many in the audience believed they had not made a “balanced” presentation.

First, a series of maps was shown of the area beginning with the situation in 1917. A 1947 map showed 94% of land was owned by Palestinians. A 1967 map showed what was conquered by the Israelis, showing the famous “Green Line” that separated the two peoples. A 1998 map showed the location of the main towns that are in the news today. It showed the separation of the West Bank into three disconnected areas so that Palestinians were not allowed to travel throughout their own land. The Israeli settlements (Jews only) were spotted throughout the West Bank. The many roads winding through the whole West Bank area were for Jews only (even Arab citizens of Israel cannot use the roads). This illustrated how the Barak offer to Arafat split the area into cantons that would be ungovernable and, therefore, unacceptable. This is one of the main reasons that Arafat had to turn down the so-called “generous offer.” The non-contiguous land offer was really no offer at all, regardless of the percentage of land returned.

For over 30 years Israel has repeatedly detained, tortured, and incarcerated Americans of Arab origins. Israel has suffered no sanctions or even a public reprimand from Washington. The U.S. gives Israel over \$10,000,000 every day so it would seem that we must have a real interest in the area. How about an interest in people? For 24 years the U.S. Government has known about the routine practice of torture by the Israeli government, not only of Palestinians, but of American citizens of Arab descent. The U.S. refuses to do anything about it.

One example given was of an Arab American man who was imprisoned (no charge or trial) for 18 months and then deported to the U. S. in his prison clothes. His uncle met him in Chicago and found him to be so disoriented that he didn't know where he was, was afraid that “this is a trick,” that the Masad is just behind him. He is a completely broken young man and will never speak of his experience.

Since 1967 the Israelis have carried out over 600,000 arrests or detentions and between 90% and 94% of all those detained have been tortured according to both Israeli and Arab NGOs (Non-Government Organizations). The reason Partners for Peace works on cases of American victims of Arab descent is because the American press is more likely to report on cases of Americans, and PfP could reasonably hope to gather rather complete accounts from Americans, so the cases are stronger and very accurate. Israel denied the use of torture until their supreme court finally issued an order a few years ago that certain forms of torture must be stopped. Our State Department has routinely refused to take any action on any of the cases and torture.

Jerri Bird is today angry at Sharon for his ambition to eradicate the Palestinians from their homeland, angry at Barak and Rabin who “talked the talk” but didn’t “walk the walk.” Rabin said “break their bones” and he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and was considered a hopeful leader. An Israeli assassinated him. She is angry at the Palestinian Authority for its inability to answer baseless charges against it and for charges of corruption. But she is angriest of all “against our own government for its complicity for allowing the conflict to deteriorate to a point of almost no return.” She hopes all of us will be angry enough to speak out, to articulate to all our neighbors that America stands for freedom, justice and equality, so that we do not support Israeli abuses.

Michael Brown, one of Jerri Bird’s associates, spoke mostly of Gaza where 6,000 Israeli settlers control 1/3 of the land while 1.1 million Palestinians have 2/3 of it. (6 acres for each settler, 0.06 acre for each Palestinian.) He told of a CNN reporter, Weideman, being shot in the back by Israelis as he tried to leave an area after filming an altercation. He witnessed settlers enticing children to come and fight. “Shot in the crossfire” is a term used even though no shots may have come from the Palestinians. Tear gas may be used instead of live ammunition if reporters or outsiders are present.

Very few reporters get to Gaza so there is very little coverage of incidents, which is one reason why our media does not report the plight of Palestinians. In Jerusalem there are always many reporters, so that is what we see on the news.

Gaza (30 miles long and 6 miles wide), like the West Bank, is divided into 3 segments with check points in between so travel is difficult. Allison Weir, the other of Jerri Bird's associates, was in a home in Gaza when there was firing from the Israeli watch tower nearby. She thought they must not realize a foreigner was present, but she was sure they had seen her. Later she had reason to believe that the firing was meant to send a message that this was no place for a reporter to be.

The need to end this conflict has never been more apparent. There are tragic losses on both sides. PfP plans to sponsor another tour next Fall (as they have done for the last four years) for Israeli and Palestinian women speakers from both sides of the conflict, in an effort to educate Americans about the issues. Those interested may learn more at the PfP website ([partners for peace. org](http://partnersforpeace.org)).

## The Chesapeake Bay

*By Lloyd Tyler*

At the Open Forum on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Chris Buccheri of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, brought us what he called a report card on the Bay. The basis for the report was the comparison of the Bay's present state as compared to its condition as reported in colonial times by John Smith (100%).

Because of population growth and the huge demands we place on the Bay, the Bay is in a fight for its very survival. The Bay's drainage area is 64,000 square miles, extending as far north as Cooperstown, New York and includes portions of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland. One of the unique aspects of the Bay is that pollution that enters the Bay does not flow directly to the ocean, as most people assume. It is a mixture

of the fresh water from the rivers feeding it and ocean water. 15,000 years ago the Bay was not there; there was only a river flowing to the ocean. The rise in sea level since that time has formed the Bay by the tidal flow of ocean water back up the river. It is one of the most biologically productive waterways in the world (ranking in the top 5) but is still only a fraction of what it used to be. Whatever we put into the Bay, it never makes it to the ocean, but essentially remains in the Bay as the water goes back and forth due to the tide. The average depth of the Bay is 21 feet, with vast areas only 2, 3 or 4 feet deep. Of course, the original river channel brings the average up. The Bay was formed with the melting of the polar ice cap. The Bay is just the flooding of the Susquehanna River.

In 1983 the Bay bottomed out at 22% of what it used to be, according to the Foundation's report. Today it is at 27% and the Foundation's goal is to get it up to 70% by 2050. By 2010 they hope to have it at 40%. The **Bay's health** is measured in three major areas -- **habitat** (wetland, forests, underwater grass, and non-developed land); **fisheries** (oyster, rockfish, shad, crab populations); and **pollution** (toxics present, levels of nitrogen and phosphorous, clarity of the water, oxygen level). In John Smith's time oysters (filter feeders) filtered the total bay volume in about 4 days. Now the oysters are so few (2%) that it would take a year to filter the volume. Oyster harvesting, disease, and excess sediment are responsible for their decline.

The pollution sources are either non-point (run-off from the surrounding land) or point (outlets from treatment plants, factories, etc.). Excess nitrogen causes overgrowth of algae which results in cloudy water keeping sunlight from reaching bottom grasses (now at 12%) which stabilize the bottom, reduce erosion, protect juvenile fish and crabs from their predators. Wetlands provide habitat, filtration of toxics and nutrients, as well as flood control for the Bay. Sediment not only clouds the water but smothers bottom organisms and grasses. Forest buffers provide habitat and filtration. Urban sprawl causes inefficient land use and more non-point pollution both from lawn fertilization and as more and more cars travel farther, causing air pollution, more land paved, etc.

The Foundation's plan for the Bay is to increase the oyster population to 10% by 2010. Stocking efforts and sanctuaries are being used. Upgrading Maryland's waste treatment plants should cut the nitrogen going to the bay by half,

overcoming oxygen “dead zones.” The goal is to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous by 50% and get water clarity so that sunlight penetrates at least to 6 feet. The plan calls for five thousand miles of forest buffer (now at about 12%) and a sustainable shad run in ten of the largest rivers (shad are at 5%-6% now). Rockfish are back to 70%, so are considered restored, but there is still concern because rockfish are exhibiting signs of malnutrition. Crabs are at about 42%, so there is still a good way to go.

Last year the Foundation’s education program took 40,000 students on the Bay and it has educational programs in the schools. They have an active legislative program and much more can be learned by going to their website: ([www.savethebay.cbf.org](http://www.savethebay.cbf.org)).

## Are the CIA and National Security Agency Up to the JOB?

*By Palmer Fletcher*

“No,” was the response to the above question presented to the Open Forum on April 18. That was the opinion of Scott Shane, a senior reporter on the staff of the *Baltimore Sun*. His qualifications to answer the question included three years’ experience as representative of *The Sun* in Moscow and also a continuing interest in our country’s methods of gathering intelligence.

Mr. Shane reported that responsibility for the failure to prevent the tragedies of September 11 could be ascribed not only to the two institutions mentioned, but also to the many other governmental offices currently gathering intelligence, including the National Reconnaissance Office, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the FBI, and sections of the Army and Navy. Twenty-eight to thirty billion dollars is spent by our country on intelligence yearly.

The speaker reported increasing difficulty in performing eavesdropping by Baltimore’s own Na-

tional Security Agency, an institution that he has studied in detail. The advent of fiber optic cables and coding techniques and widespread use of cell phones has restricted its function of intercepting communications.

A further recent obstacle to the gathering of intelligence has been the multiplication of its targets. During the Cold War our agencies focused on Russia. Today they are expected to “predict the future” in relation to myriad possible insults inflicted by terrorists, from the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, to the development of nuclear arms and bioterrorism. He reported that the development of the Millennium Plot of recent years to lay waste to Los Angeles Airport was averted by the chance arrest at the Canadian border of a terrorist transporting explosives.

A recent diversification in the language and culture of potential terrorists has exposed a further obstacle to our country’s efforts to identify them. During the cold war it was often sufficient for our national detectives to understand the Russian language. Today our security agencies are hard put to analyze intercepted communications in Arabic or Pashtun. It is difficult to interest our security agents in leaving Maryland for posts in Asia. Happily, a recent coup was the arrest in Pakistan of one of Bin Laden’s key associates, Abu Zubaydah, thanks to interception of a phone call in Pakistan.

After Mr. Shane completed his analysis of the problems faced by our country’s myriad security organizations, questions from the audience indicated a concern that we identify and remedy the causes of hostility against the United States on the part of the citizens of countries in the Middle East and Asia. The speaker responded by noting that in recent months the pendulum of our nation’s foreign policy “has swung way back from its earlier isolationist stance” toward greater involvement in the Middle East and Afghanistan. Mr. Shane regretted our country’s sabotage of a recent biological warfare convention and hoped that our recently expanded support of research on the counteracting of anthrax infection would not “lead to an increase in the number of nuts” attempting to spread the infection.



## BROADMEAD MOVIES

*Tuesday Movies by Everitt and  
Barbara Smith*

*Saturday Movies by Fran Beasley*

### **Tuesday, June 4** **AMADEUS**

A stunning film full of great music, drama and wit, with Oscar winner F. Murray Abraham. Rated: 5 stars and PG.

### **Tuesday, June 11** **MAN WHO WOULD BE KING**

A drama with Sean Connery and Michael Cain. A superb screen adventure. Rated: 4-1/2 stars and PG.

### **Saturday, June 15** **THE RED SHOES**

A four star landmark film integrating dance and story telling. With Moira Shearer, Leonid Massine, and Robert Helpmann.

### **Tuesday, June 18** **TOM JONES**

This is a rambunctious, witty and often bawdy tale of a youth's misadventures in Eighteenth Century England. Albert Finney is a perfect rascal as Tom, and Susannah York is Sophie. The entire casting is brilliant. Rated: 5 stars.

### **Tuesday, June 25** **BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE**

Blind youth trying to be self-sufficient despite his overbearing mother, and the will-of-the-wisp next-door neighbor. Starring Edward Albert and Goldie Hawn. Rated: 4 stars and PG.

### **Saturday, June 29** **GOSFORD PARK**

Set on a magnificent country estate in 1932 England, this witty comedy brings together upper class society and their downstairs servants as a mysterious crime occurs during a glittering party weekend. Directed by Robert Altman. Nominated for an Academy Award.

## SATURDAY PROGRAMS

In the Auditorium at 7:15 pm

*By Margaret Proctor*

**June 1**

**Bill Messenger**

and his wit, whimsy and wisdom of  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Popular American Music.  
In the Lounge and Auditorium

**June 8**

**"Shakespeare in Sable"**

A celebration of the plays, poetry and songs  
of Shakespeare

**By Darryl Croxton**

**Actor, Director, Poet and Teacher**

**June 22**

**Michael Beer**

**Conservationist**

**Stoney Run Park and Jones Falls**  
*See Page 9 for a Biographical Sketch  
of the Speaker.*

## Open Forum Programs

On Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Auditorium

*By Abe Makofsky*

**June 13**

**"Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"**

**Speakers: Freeman Hrabowski**  
**President, University of Maryland**  
**at Baltimore County**

## SPECIAL VIDEO EVENT

*By Bob Herrmann*

Presenting the Opera

**Rigoletto**

**By Giuseppe Verdi**

**With Luciano Pavaratti**

In the Auditorium  
on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 pm



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